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COMMAND SGT. MAJ. FRANK A. SOCHA

Command Sgt. Maj. Frank A. Socha was born in Wyandotte, Mich. on September, 1964 and graduated from Southgate Anderson High School in 1983.

After completing Basic Training in 1985, Advanced Individual Training and Airborne school, he was assigned to the 172d Infantry Brigade at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

In late 1986 the 6th Infantry Division (Light) was activated and Socha was selected for the Long Range Surveillance Detachment (LRSD) where he served until August of 1990.

After a short break in service, Socha re-enlisted in April of 1991 and went through the Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course, followed directly by the Special Forces Qualification Course as a communications sergeant.



His assignments within Special Forces include ODA 022 and 024, B Company, 1/10 SFG(A), Germany; ODA 073, A Company, 3/10th SFG(A), Fort Carson, Colo.; ODA 081, B Company, 3/10th SFG(A), Fort Carson; senior instructor for the Special Forces Intelligence Sergeants Course, Alpha Company, 2/1st Special Warfare Training Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.; company sergeant major of Charlie Company, 2/10th SFG(A), Fort Carson; operations sergeant major for 2/10th SFG(A), Fort Carson; command sergeant major for 2/10th SFG(A), Fort Carson.

His only assignment outside of United States Special Operations since entering Special Forces in 1991 was as a senior drill sergeant for two years at Fort Sill, Okla. He served as the group command sergeant major, 10th SFG (A) from April, 2009 to April, 2011.

Socha participated in Operation PROVIDE PROMISE, Operation PROVIDE COMFORT I and II (Iraq and Turkey), Operation JOINT GUARD, Bosnia Herzegovina; Operation JOINT GUARDIAN, Kosovo; Operation IRAQI FREEDOM III, Kirkuk, Iraq; Operation IRAQI FREEDOM IV, Baghdad, Iraq; and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM V, Baghdad, Iraq.

His military education includes the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Special Forces Qualification Course, Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Course, Airborne school, Ranger school, Jumpmaster course, Air Assault course, Long Range Surveillance Leaders course, Drill Sergeant school, Czechoslovakian and Serbian/Croatian language courses, Arctic Survival school, and Summer Mountaineering course. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies.

His awards and decorations include two Legion of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, four Army Commendation Medals, two Joint Service Achievement Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, Good Conduct Medal seventh Award, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist's badge, Air Assault Badge, and Drill Sergeant Badge.

He is survived by his wife Brenda and his sons Frank Junior and Chad.

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